them. The Government cannot undertake the responsibility solely by themselves. As regards the enactment of poor law, Government are satisfied that no poor law legislation on the Western lines will be effective in a small area like this surrounded by bigger States, unless the other States also pass corresponding poor law legislation in their States. If they do not, this place will become a paradise for the beggars of the neighbouring States.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: While I appreciate the point of justice raised by the Hon'ble President, let me ask whether the Municipality of Ernakulam has contributed anything towards the Poor House at Ernakulam ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: Yes. It is only the recurring expenditure that the Municipality is meeting. Towards the original capital, the Municipality has not contributed anything.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim: Who runs the Poor House in Ernakulam ?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao: It is run by a Committee.

In this connection, I may bring to the notice of the House that in spite of the fact that there is a Poor House here, very few beggars resort to it. Their profession is begging to make money out of it. Once I took some of these beggars to the Poor House. But they remained there just a day or two and ran away. They want to make money by begging.

PAYMENT OF WAGES ACT—RULES UNDER.

105. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) when was the Payment of Wages Act passed;

(*b*) whether it has been brought into force;

(*c*) whether rules under the Act have been framed ?

Mr. P. J. George: (*a*) 25th Kanni 1113, corresponding to 11th October 1937.

(*b*) No. It will be brought into force along with the rules.

(*c*) Draft rules have been framed and published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 16th July 1938 for public criticism.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Has the Government received any suggestion by way of criticism from the public so far?

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Mr. P. J. George: No.

Mr. A. L. Antony: Is it usual in the case of substantial Acts, to publish rules under them for public criticism?

Mr. P. J. George: There is a provision in the Act and so Rules are published for public criticism.

Mr. President: Here, in the Act, it is provided that the Rules should be published for public criticism.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan: Has the Government any idea to bring this Act into force immediately?

Mr. P. J. George: Yes.

TEACHING WORK—PRINCIPAL, MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE.

106. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether Mr. Mills, Principal of the Maharaja's College, is doing any teaching work;

(*b*) whether the previous Principals were not both Professors as well as Principals?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon: May I know what subject Mr. Mills teaches?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: Physics.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon: Is he qualified in Chemistry?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: He is a Professor of Physics and Chemistry.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: Is he given any allowance for teaching work?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: He is the Professor of Physics and he is being given a charge allowance of Rs. 200 as Principal.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan: How many hours does he teach a week?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I want notice. I think he was doing 3 hours' teaching work a week, but subsequently as there was an additional professor for Physics and as the work of the two is colliding, it was arranged that Mr. Mills should deliver certain series of lectures. These he delivers according to his convenience.

Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar: May I know how many series?

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